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C O N F I D E N T I A L SAN SALVADOR 2928

E.O. 11652: GDS

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SUBJECT: GOES REQUEST FOR ARTIFICIAL RAIN-MAKING INFORMATION

REF: JULY 22 ANDREWS-WACKERBARTH TELCON

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BEGIN UNCLASSIFIED

1. VITOR DE SOLA, PRESIDENT OF THE RIO LEMPA HYDRO-ELECTRIC EXECUTIVE COMMISSION (CEL), HAS SENT FORMAL REQUEST TO MISSION FOR INFORMATION ON THE QUOTE POSSIBILITY OF INDUCING ARTIFICIAL RAINS IN THE ALTA RIO LEMPA AND GUIJA REGIONS END QUOTE OF THE COUNTRY. SPECIFICALLY, CEL IS INTERESTED IN THE TECHNOLOGY OF CLOUD SEEDING. THE CEL REQUEST IS BASED ON AN UNUSUALLY LOW PRECIPITATION TO DATE AND FEARS OF SERIOUS DAMAGE TO THE AGRICULTURE SECTOR THAT A PROLONGED DROUGHT WOULD LIKELY CAUSE.

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2. COMMENT - THE FIRST INFORMAL REQUEST FROM CEL DIRECTOR AND
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ARMED FORCE CHIEF OF STAFF COL. RODRIGUEZ TO USMILGP COMMANDER

COINCIDENTALLY OCCURRED ON THE DAY THAT THE LOCAL MEDIA
BROKE THE MEXICO CITY STORY OF THE CHARGE THAT HURRICAN FIFI
HAD BEEN DIVERTED TO HONDURAS AS A RESULT OF U.S. CLOUD SEEDING.
THE EMBASSY IS AWARE OF THE POSSIBILITY THAT ANY ASSISTANCE WE
MIGHT GIVE CEL COULD BE MISINTERPRETED IN A SIMILAR MANNER BY
EITHER THE GOVERNMENT OF HONDURAS OR THOSE WISHING TO EMBARRASS
THE USG, GOES OR BOTH. THE EMBASSY IS ALSO AWARE THAT THE
GOES IS JUSTLY WORRIED ABOUT THE POSSIBILITY OF A SERIOUS DROUGHT.
WEIGHING BOTH FACTORS, THE EMBASSY BELIEVES THAT IS WOULD BE
APPROPRIATE TO PROVIDE THE GOES WITH SUCH INFORMATION AS WOULD
GIVE IT THE CAPACITY TO DECIDE WHETHER OR NOT CLOUD SEEDING
WOULD BE TECHNICALLY FEASIBLE AND/OR ADVISABLE UNDER PRESENT
CIRCUMSTANCES. IF ACTUAL RAIN INDUCEMENT WERE DECIDED UPON, THE
GOES WOULD THEN PROCEED ON ITS OWN. IF THE DEPARTMENT CONCURS,
THE EMBASSY WOULD APPRECIATE THE REQUESTED INFORMATION TO PASS
ASAP. END CONFIDENTIAL
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